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EXHIBIT A

NO. 3019 P. 6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

SAVERIO CARL FALCO ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1116 US CIP

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FOR: PLANT AMINO ACID BIOSYNTHETIC
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the figures with the enclosed replacement figures.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please replace the sequence listing with the enclosed substitute sequence listing.

REMARKS

The Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 30, 2001 indicated that Figure 6D was omitted from the application. Applicants note that, due to an administrative error, Figure 6D was not included with the filing of the application. Applicants also note that, as described in the specification at page 6, lines 13-21, Figures 6A-6D provide a comparison of the amino acid sequences derived from SEQ ID NOS:34, 68, 36, 70, 38, 40, and 72 with NCBI General Identifier No. 1708993 (SEQ ID NO:41). The omitted Figure 6 included positions 361 through 483 of the comparison.

In the present Amendment, Applicants have added Figure 6D, and have amended the figure headings on each figure page to recite that there are now 20 figure pages rather than 19. The addition of Figure 6D is supported by the original disclosure, particularly SEQ ID NOS:34, 68, 36, 70, 38, 40, 72, and 41 and the specification at page 6, lines 13-21. The sequence listing has also been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In view of the amendments above, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to facilitate allowance of the application.

Please charge any fees necessitated by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,



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